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## **VIA HAND DELIVERY**

Mr. Charles Terreni Chief Clerk/Administrator South Carolina Public Service Commission 101 Executive Drive Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Application for Authority to Issue and Sell Additional Securities (Long-Term Debt and/or Equity)

Dear Mr. Terreni:

Enclosed for filing are the original and 12 copies of Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc.'s, Application for Authority to Issue and Sell Additional Securities (Long-Term Debt and/or Equity) dated January 9, 2006. Please return two date stamped copies of the Application to me via the bearer of this letter.

Please contact me at (919) 546-4836 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Patricia Kornegay-Timmons Associate General Counsel

PK-T/scn Enclosures

c:

John W. Flitter, Director of Electric and Natural Gas Regulation State of South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff PO Box 11263 Columbia, SC 29211

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#### STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

## BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA DOCKET NO. 2006 10-E

In the Matter of	)	APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY TO
Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc.	)	ISSUE AND SELL ADDITIONAL
	)	SECURITIES (LONG-TERM DEBT
	)	AND/OR EQUITY)

Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-27-1710 and Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the "Commission") Rule 103-834, Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc. (the "Company") respectfully applies to the Commission for permission (i) to issue and sell up to \$1,000,000,000 of additional debt and/or equity securities pursuant to the terms and conditions described herein at such times as the Company may deem necessary or advisable, and (ii) to execute, deliver, and carry out such instruments, documents and agreements as shall be necessary or appropriate to effectuate such transaction or transactions. In support thereof, the Company shows the following:

1. The Company's correct name and post office address are Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc., Post Office Box 1551, Raleigh, North Carolina 27602. The names and post office address of its attorneys are: Patricia Kornegay-Timmons and Len S. Anthony, Post Office Box 1551, Raleigh, North Carolina 27602. The Company is a public service corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of North Carolina, and authorized to do business in South Carolina. Its principal office is located at 410 S. Wilmington Street, Raleigh, North Carolina, 27601. The Company is primarily engaged in the business of generating, transmitting, delivering and furnishing electricity to the public for compensation.

2. The Company's capital stock outstanding at September 30, 2005, consisted of 159,608,055 shares of Common Stock with an associated shareholder equity of \$1,931,141,380, and Preferred Stock with a stated value of \$59,333,982. As of September 30, 2005, the retained earnings of the Company were \$1,308,551,256 and accumulated other comprehensive loss was \$164,070,634.

The Company's existing long-term debt at September 30, 2005, consisted of principal amounts of \$2,468,725,000 in First Mortgage Bonds and \$816,060,000 in other long-term debt, less unamortized discount of \$21,013,000. The First Mortgage Bonds were issued under and pursuant to an Indenture of Trust dated as of May 1, 1940, duly executed by the Company to The Bank of New York (formerly Irving Trust Company), as Corporate Trustee, and Frederick G. Herbst, as Individual Trustee, succeeded by Douglas J. MacInnes, who presently is acting as Individual Trustee, as supplemented by seventy-three Supplemental Indentures (the "Mortgage").

- 3. The Company's capital requirements are projected to total approximately \$1.7 billion during the period 2006 through 2007.
- 4. Pursuant to the provisions of its Charter and for the purposes hereinafter stated, the Company proposes to issue and sell up to \$1,000,000,000 of additional debt and/or equity securities, including First Mortgage Bonds, Senior Notes, Debt Securities and Preferred Stock. The Company has no available capacity remaining for issuance pursuant to Order No. 2003-311 of the Commission dated May 7, 2003 in Docket No. 2003-140-E and Registration Statement No. 333-103973 on Form S-3 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 3, 2003. With the amount of securities proposed in this Application, the Company would have available for issuance an aggregate of \$1,000,000,000 in debt and /or equity securities.

The Company intends to sell the proposed securities during the effective period of a shelf Registration Statement that the Company has filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission in connection with the registration of such securities. The shelf Registration Statement included a prospectus relating to the proposed \$1,000,000,000 principal amount of debt and/or equity securities. A copy of the Registration Statement, including the prospectus is attached hereto as Exhibit A.

The net proceeds to be received from the proposed issuance of up to \$1,000,000,000,000 in additional long-term debt securities will be used (i) to finance the construction of new facilities and the maintenance of existing facilities, (ii) to finance the future acquisition of other entities or their assets, (iii) to refund, repurchase, retire, redeem, or reduce outstanding short- or long-term indebtedness, and (iv) for other general corporate purposes. The Company has \$200 million of long-term debt which will mature during the effective period of the Registration Statement. For financial reporting purposes, the Company had \$266,994,712 of short-term debt at September 30, 2005.

5. The Company will consider the issuance of First Mortgage Bonds including secured medium-term notes, debt instruments sold to European investors ("Eurobonds"), unsecured debt, including unsecured medium-term notes, debentures, senior notes that initially will be secured by one or more series of First Mortgage Bonds, but will become unsecured when the Company's other First Mortgage Bonds are repaid, redeemed or otherwise retired, or other forms of long-term debt securities not specifically referenced herein. The Company continuously monitors rates, terms and conditions for alternative forms of debt financing and will determine which type of security offers the most favorable terms to the Company. In general, the Company will only consider issuing additional long-term debt securities for refunding purposes when a

new issue can be priced at least 0.5% below the break-even rate of the issue to be refunded and if the refunding yields net present value savings of \$500,000 or more. (Break-even rate includes consideration of call premium and issuance expenses.)

- 6. The Company proposes to issue the additional securities either in discrete financing transactions or pursuant to a continuous offering program. Under a continuous offering program involving the debt securities, secured and/or unsecured medium-term notes could be continuously offered and issued in an amount deemed appropriate and necessary by the Company but in no event exceeding the amount authorized pursuant to this Application.
- 7. The Company proposes to enter into negotiations with, or request competitive proposals from, investment bankers or other financial institutions to act as agents, dealers, underwriters, or direct purchasers in connection with either the public or private offering of each issuance in accordance with the terms thereof. The interest rate will be determined by the Company at or prior to the sale of the securities. The Company intends to determine the method of sale and the financial institution(s) which will offer the most favorable terms to the Company.
- 8. To the extent the proposed long-term debt securities are the Company's First Mortgage Bonds, they will be created and issued under, and subject to, the provisions of the Company's Mortgage, as heretofore supplemented and as to be further supplemented by a Supplemental Indenture substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit B, to be executed in connection with their issuance. To the extent the proposed securities are senior notes, they will be created and issued under, and subject to the provisions of the Indenture (for Senior Notes), dated as of March 1, 1999 between the Company and The Bank of New York, as Trustee, as amended and supplemented, which is substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit C, as further supplemented by Supplemental Senior Note Indentures, to be executed in connection with

their issuance. To the extent the securities are other forms of securities not specifically referenced herein, they will be created and issued under and subject to the provisions of the Indenture (for Debt Securities), dated as of October 28, 1999 between the Company and JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A. (formerly known as The Chase Manhattan Bank), as Trustee, as amended and supplemented, which is attached hereto as <a href="Exhibit D">Exhibit D</a> or one or more additional indentures relating to Debt Securities, substantially in the form attached hereto as <a href="Exhibit E">Exhibit E</a>, in either case, as supplemented by Supplemental Debt Securities Indentures, to be executed in connection with their issuance. To the extent the proposed securities are shares of Preferred Stock, they will be created and issued under and subject to the provisions of the Company's Restated Charter, as amended and the Company's By-Laws, as amended, which are attached hereto as <a href="Exhibit F">Exhibit F</a> and <a href="Exhibit G">Exhibit G</a>, respectively.

- 9. The Company estimates that it will incur expenses, excluding underwriting fees, in the range of approximately \$250,000 in connection with a private placement of or a public offering of the debt securities. Underwriting fees may vary significantly depending on the terms of the offering.
- 10. In the period from January 1, 2004 through September 30, 2005, the Company had a net increase in cash and cash equivalents of approximately \$40,000,000 (excluding noncash activities). Attached hereto as <u>Exhibit H</u> is a statement of such cash flows.
- 11. Information required for compliance with Order 91-72 in Docket No. 91-032-E is provided in the Attachment to this Application.
- 12. The proposed issuance and sale of long-term debt securities is subject to regulation and authorization by this Commission pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §58-27-1710

(1976) et seq. The Company respectfully submits that the purposes for which the proposed issuance is to be affected, as described above:

- (i) Are for a lawful object within the corporate purposes of the Company;
- (ii) Are compatible with the public interest;
- (iii) Are necessary and appropriate for and consistent with the proper performance by the Company of its service to the public as a utility;
- (iv) Will not impair the Company's ability to perform its public service; and
- (v) Are reasonably necessary and appropriate to provide adequate funds for such corporate purposes.

WHEREFORE, the Company prays that this Commission issue an Order:

Authorizing, empowering and permitting the Company (i) to issue and sell up to \$1,000,000,000 of additional debt and/or equity securities pursuant to the terms and conditions described herein at such times as the Company may deem necessary or advisable, and (ii) to execute, deliver, and carry out such instruments, documents and agreements as shall be necessary or appropriate to effectuate such transaction or transactions.

This the  $\underline{QH}$  day of January, 2006.

PROGRESS ENERGY CAROLINAS, INC.

Thomas R. Sullivan

Treasurer

Patricia Kornegay-Timmons

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## STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### **COUNTY OF WAKE**

Before me, <u>Panela P. Hersley</u>, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, this <u>9th</u> day of January, 2006, personally appeared Thomas R. Sullivan, to me known to be the person whose name is signed to the foregoing Application, and, after first being duly sworn, made oath and said that he is Treasurer of Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc., that he has read the foregoing application and knows the contents thereof and that the same is true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.

PAMELA P. HENSLEY
Notary Public
Johnston County
State of North Carolina
My commission expires Dec. 11, 2006

Panela P. Hersley Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

12/11/06

## ATTACHMENT TO APPLICATION FOR AUTHORITY TO ISSUE AND SELL ADDITIONAL SECURITIES (LONG-TERM DEBT AND/OR EQUITY) FILED IN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA DOCKET NO.

In compliance with Order 91-72 issued in Docket No. 91-032-E, the Company hereby provides the following information in connection with the above-referenced Application:

- a. The Company's Consolidated Financial Statements as of December 31, 2004 are attached as Exhibit I. The Company's consolidated Interim Financial Statements as of September 30, 2005 are attached as Exhibit J. Pro forma financial statements are attached as Exhibit K.
- b. The net proceeds to be received from the proposed issuance of up to \$1,000,000,000 in additional long-term debt securities will be used (i) to finance the construction of new facilities and the maintenance of existing facilities in connection with the Company's ongoing Clean Smokestacks Act construction program, (ii) to finance the future acquisition of other entities or their assets, (iii) to refund, repurchase, retire, redeem, or reduce outstanding short- or long-term indebtedness, and (iv) for other general corporate purposes. The Company has \$200 million of long-term debt which will mature during the effective period of the Registration Statement. For financial reporting purposes, the Company had \$266,994,712 of short-term debt at September 30, 2005.
- c. If the authority to issue and sell additional long-term debt on the conditions set forth in this Application is delayed or not granted, the Company's ability to take advantage of financial market and liability management opportunities may be impaired, resulting in higher costs to the Company and possibly its ratepayers.
- d. The expected effective interest rate of the additional long-term debt securities issuance will depend upon market conditions and the terms of the offering at the time the debt is issued.
- e. The issuance of long-term debt securities benefits the Company by enabling it to achieve the purposes set forth in paragraph (b) above. Information regarding the expected costs of the proposed long-term debt securities is provided in paragraph 9 of this Application.
- f. The impact of the proposed transaction on the Company's capital structure at December 31, 2004 is represented in the pro forma financial statements provided in <a href="Exhibit K">Exhibit K</a>.

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